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PLAN FOR OFF SHORE EXCAVATION IN POOMPUHAR
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Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Archaeological Survey of India (ASI) has any plan to conduct off-shore excavations in Poompuhar, an epic-fame ancient town around 250 km south of Chennai, Tamilnadu;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER FOR INFORMATION & BROADCASTING AND CULTURE(SHRI S. JAIPAL REDDY)

(a), (b) & (c) The Archaeological Survey of India has no plans to carry out any off shore excavations at Poompuhar (Kaveripattinam) at present.